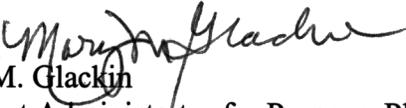




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MEMORANDUM FOR: NOAA Executive Council
NOAA Executive Panel

FROM: 
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Assistant Administrator for Program Planning and Integration

SUBJECT: Designation of NOAA National Environmental Policy Act
(NEPA) Coordinator and Additions to NOAA NEPA Staff

I am pleased to announce effective today, Rodney F. Weiher will assume the roles and responsibilities as the NEPA Coordinator for NOAA. Rodney has served in the research community, the private sector, and government (OMB and as the NOAA Comptroller). Rodney is currently the NOAA Chief Economist, and in addition has recently been named to lead the Policy and Socio-Economic Analysis areas within the Office of Program Planning and Integration (PPI), which includes NEPA Coordination. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Virginia.

Rodney Weiher is replacing Susan A. Kennedy, Deputy Director of Strategic Planning, who has performed the role of Acting NEPA Coordinator for NOAA over the past two years. Susan will continue her duties as the Deputy Director of Strategic Planning. I am most appreciative of Susan's performance as the Acting NEPA Coordinator during this period. She has provided strong leadership and direction on NEPA policies as our agency continues to grow and face new challenges.

Also this week, I am pleased to announce that Ms. Shelby L. Mendez has been hired as an Environmental Protection Specialist for NEPA coordination and compliance at NOAA. Shelby has been working this past year for PPI as a contractor and has been focusing on improving the NEPA process for grant programs.

Any questions regarding designation of the new NOAA NEPA Coordinator should be directed to Steve Kokkinakis at 301-713-1622 x189.